

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-12

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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9046  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
CINCPAC

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS DEOOAL PEPR PDIP FR LA  
SUBJECT: LPDR CLOSES FRENCH CULTURAL CENTER

1. THE FRENCH CULTURAL CENTER IN VIENTIANE, A CULTURAL LANDMARK IN THE CITY SINCE FRENCH COLONIAL DAYS AND STILL EXCEEDINGLY POPULAR AMONG THE LAO PEOPLE, WILL CLOSE ITS DOORS "DEFINITIVEMENT" FEBRUARY 25 AT THE REQUEST OF THE LAO GOVERNMENT. THE FRENCH EMBASSY RECEIVED A LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE TO THIS EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 23. THE LAO INTENTION THAT THE CENTER BE CLOSED WAS CONFIRMED THAT AFTERNOON DURING A MEETING BETWEEN FRENCH AMBASSADOR ROGER DUZER AND LAO OFFICIALS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. THE LAO NOTE ACCOMPANIED A SECOND CIRCULAR NOTE TO ALL EMBASSIES AFFECTING FOREIGN OPERATED SCHOOLS (SEE SEPTEL).

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3. COMMENT: WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING SOUNDINGS ON REACTION TO THIS LPDR DIRECTIVE TO THE FRENCH AND WILL BE REPORTING FURTHER.  
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## Message Attributes

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